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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available, at times ample in spot locations. Breaking stock offerings were light to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand were light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-70	61-67	LARGE	42-51 46
LARGE	59-69	60-63	MEDIUM	33-39 37
MEDIUM	50-60	52-55	SMALL	8-12

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate and demand was reported as moderate. Spent hens were fully sufficient for a fair to at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-82	68-71
LARGE	61-75	66-70
MEDIUM	56-64	56-59

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to at times weak. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70.5-79	72-75
LARGE	67.5-76	71-74
MEDIUM	57.5-66	59-62

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices on all sizes were unchanged to higher when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was barely steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66.5-74	68-71
LARGE	64.25-72	66-69
MEDIUM	55.25-63	56-60

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous report. Trade sentiment was barely steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	75-79
LARGE	73-77
MEDIUM	63-67

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand were usually light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-75	69-71
LARGE	66-74	67-70
MEDIUM	59-66	60-62

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged to 1 cent lower on jumbo and extra large, unchanged to 2 cents lower on large and medium. The Pacific region inventory was 26% higher than last Monday with California up 21% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 37%. Retailer demand good to cover features, light elsewhere. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 1 cent lower on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, medium and small. The California inventory was 21% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good to cover features in progress and planned, light elsewhere. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 72. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 2 for \$5.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	102
MEDIUM	92

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-205	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 11, 2005 will decrease by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 04, 2005 were 225,015 cases which was 6 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	188,429	36,586	225,015

% change from the prior week.....	-8	+7	-6

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	32-33	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	19-21

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate to good for spent heavy hens. Primary suppliers report hatching eggs tight. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15 CENTS/LB.	10.25-12.75	11.43

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.94
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- February 07, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	17.6	9.1	12.0	11.0
	Change	1.6	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.8
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.4	41.6	12.9	27.5	41.8
	Change	5.2	0.3	-0.6	0.6	4.3
Large	Curr Wk	47.4	118.3	59.1	102.2	132.8
	Change	10.7	11.0	-1.3	14.2	25.4
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	55.6	17.8	30.0	40.9
	Change	0.7	3.4	3.4	8.7	10.3
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	7.2	2.4	5.0	9.0
	Change	-0.6	0.4	0.7	-0.4	5.5
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	35.3	9.3	13.2	6.1
	Change	0.3	-4.0	1.2	-1.7	0.7
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.6	46.1	32.1	30.8	24.6
	Change	13.8	-4.4	9.1	2.0	7.8
Total	Curr Wk	130.9	321.7	142.7	220.7	266.2
Percent	Change	32%	2%	10%	12%	26%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1082.2	14%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	223.0	-5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1305.2	10%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 24, 2005 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 04, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							12.25			FUTURE LOADS							25.00			TOTAL LOADS							37.25		
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	44.00	—	44.50	46.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00				
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70.00	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	3.50	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50				
GL W XL	—	—	58.00	60.00	47.40	50.50	5.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56.64	2.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.75				
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	44.45	—	2.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53.50	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	41.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	1.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	26.00	—	—	1.00																						
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00																						
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																						
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	29.25	—	1.00																						

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/31/05-02/04/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
70.50								75.50								146.00							
SE				NE		MW		SC				NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	44.00	50.55	44.75	46.73	—	48.00	31.00	GNR W 1	—	51.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	40.00	—	5.00	GNR W 3	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00						
GNR BR 1	—	64.00	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00						
GL W J	—	—	70.00	71.00	—	69.00	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	70.00	—	1.00						
GL W XL	—	63.00	57.70	60.38	53.37	50.50	34.25	GL W XL	—	61.67	—	72.00	—	64.76	—	13.25							
GL W LG	—	63.00	55.50	58.67	48.28	57.00	23.00	GL W LG	52.50	61.55	—	74.00	—	58.36	—	23.00							
GL W MD	—	51.75	49.75	49.00	48.53	48.27	25.00	GL W MD	36.00	59.90	—	—	—	50.47	—	11.75							
GL W SM	—	—	23.92	26.25	23.00	26.00	7.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	—	1.00							
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	31.00	34.00	26.00	NRBS - 36	—	21.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	33.50	5.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	18.50	—	—	20.42	—	3.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/31/05	01/24/05	02/02/04
PACIFIC COAST	462	468	114
LOS ANGELES	454	457	39

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market steady all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86.63
LARGE	82.63
MEDIUM	73.63
SMALL	45.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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